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SUBJECT: EC FISHERY CONSERVATION MEASURES

1. SUMMARY: THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE INTERIM CONSERVATION MEASURES GOVERNING FISHING BY THIRD PARTY AND EC FISHING VESSELS IN THE NEW 200-MILE FISHING ZONES OF THE MEMBER STATES. MOST OF THESE MEASURES ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE ON WHICH SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AT THE FEBRUARY 8 MEETING OF THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. WHILE DENMARK'S ACCEPTANCE OF BRITISH INSISTENCE ON WIDENING THE NORWEGIAN "POUT BOX" IN THE NORTH SEA HAS OBIATED THE NEED FOR A UNILATERAL BRITISH MEASURE, IRELAND ANNOUNCED THAT IT INTENDED TO PROCEED WITH AN AUTONOMOUS MEASURE RESTRICTING LARGE FISHING VESSELS 50-100 MILES FROM ITS SHORES. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING ITS FEBRUARY 15 SESSION, THE EC COUNCIL (AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS) REACHED AGREEMENT ON MOST OF THE INTERIM FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES NOTED PARA 3 REFTL, SUBJECT TO A GENERAL DANISH RESERVATION WHICH IT IS EXPECTED WILL SOON BE LIFTED.

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AS NOW APPROVED, THESE MEASURES ARE TO BE ENACTED LATER BY THE WRITTEN PROCEDURE TECHNIQUE AND INCLUDE:

A. THE COMMISSION IS TO EXAMINE NEAFC RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO MESH SIZE OF NETS WITH A VIEW TO SUBMITTING PROPOSALS BY MID-MARCH REQUIRING LARGER SIZES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES AND RESTRICTING THE CARRYING OF NETS WITH

DIFFERENT MESH SIZES BY ONE VESSEL ON THE SAME VOYAGE.
IT IS ALSO TO STUDY POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF
PURSE SEINES.

B. DIRECT FISHING OF HERRING IN THE NORTH SEA
(EXCLUDING LIMITED INCIDENTAL CATCHES) IS BANNED FROM
FEB. 28 TO APRIL 30, 1977, WITH THE COUNCIL DECIDING
BEFORE APRIL 30 ON MEASURES FOR THE REST OF 1977.
HERRING FISHING IN THE CELTIC SEA IS BANNED FROM MARCH 1
THROUGH THE END OF 1977. THE HERRING STOCK SITUATION IN THE
IRISH SEA AND IN WATERS CLOSE TO THE NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST
COASTS OF IRELAND WILL BE SUBSEQUENTLY EXAMINED WITH THE
VIEW OF DETERMINING WHETHER CONSERVATION MEASURES WILL
BE NECESSARY.

C. INCIDENTAL CATCHES OF DEMERSAL OR WHITE-FISH
ARE TO BE REDUCED FROM 25 TO 20 PER CENT BEGINNING APRIL 1
WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF SUBSEQUENT RESTRICTIONS ON
THE BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY AND COMMISSION PROPOSALS
BEFORE THE END OF MAY. (COMMENT: DELAYED APPLICATION
OF THIS MEASURE UNTIL APRIL IS APPARENTLY A CONCESSION
TO DENMARK, WHILE THE UK INSISTED ON THE POSSIBILITY
OF INVOKING FURTHER RESTRICTIONS IN THE FUTURE.)

D. FISHING FOR NORWEGIAN POUNT IN A "BOX"
COINCIDING WITH THE LIMITS STIPULATED IN THE UL UNILATERAL
MEASURE IS TO BE BANNED FROM FEB. 21 UNTIL THE END OF
MARCH. POSSIBLE FUTURE MEASURES, WHICH WOULD GO INTO
EFFECT AS OF AUG. 1, 1977, ARE TO BE DECIDED BY THE
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COUNCIL ON THE BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY AND COMMISSION
PROPOSALS IN APRIL OR MAY. REOPENING THE MEASURE FOR
REEXAMINATION IN THE SPRING IS A CONCESSION TO THE DANES
ACCORDING TO A COMMISSION SOURCE.

E. "FACTORY" SHIPS CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT
PROCESSING OPERATIONS ADDITIONAL TO "SALTING, BOILING
OF SHRIMP, FILLETING, FREEZING, AND REDUCING OFFAL AND
UNAVOIDABLE BY-CATCHES" ARE BANNED.

F. THE COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE TO STUDY
TRANSSHIPMENTS OF CATCHES AT SEA AND POSSIBLE APPROPRIATE
CONTROL MEASURES.

3. THE COUNCIL ALSO CONFIRMED THE "RESIDUAL RIGHT" OF
MEMBER STATES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE, TEMPORARY AND NON-
DISCRIMINATORY AUTONOMOUS CONSERVATION MEASURES UNDER
THE CONDITIONS AGREED UPON BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS
AT THEIR COUNCIL MEETING AT THE HAGUE ON OCTOBER 30,

1976, BUT MADE CLEAR THAT USE OF THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD NOT BE ABUSED. THE HEAD OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION STATED THAT ITS UNILATERAL REGULATION IN REGARD TO NORWEGIAN POUT WILL NOW BE SUBSUMED BY THE COMMUNITY REGULATION. THE IRISH DELEGATE, ON THE OTHER HAND, TOLD THE PRESS THAT IRELAND WILL SHORTLY ENACT A UNILATERAL MEASURE BANNING VESSELS OVER 110 FEET LONG OR WITH OVER 1100 HORSEPOWER ENGINES FROM ZONES EXTENDING 50-100 MILES FROM THE IRISH COAST. THE IRISH ADMITTED THAT WHILE TECHNICALLY NON-DISCRIMINATORY, THESE MEASURES WOULD HAVE NO PRACTICAL IMPACT ON IRELAND SINCE IT POSSESSES NO SUCH VESSELS. THE IRISH (AS WELL AS THE BRITISH) ARE INTERPRETING THE OCTOBER 30 DECISION THAT ANY COASTAL STATE MUST FIRST "CONSULT" THE COMMISSION BEFORE ADOPTING UNILATERAL CONSERVATIONS MEASURES TO MEAN "INFORM THE COMMISSION," NOT SEEK ITS APPROVAL. MOST MEMBER STATES ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE IRISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEASURE AND HAVE HINTED THAT EC WILLINGNESS TO HELP IRELAND OBTAIN THE MEANS TO ASSURE ENFORCEMENT OF FISHING REGULATIONS IN ITS WATERS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED IF IRELAND PROCEEDS UNILATERALLY.

4. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS FURTHER INSIST THAT WHILE THE COMMISSION MAY GO ALONG WITH APPROPRIATE INTERIM UNILATERAL MEASURES, ADOPTION OF SUCH MEASURES WITHOUT APPROVAL WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF COMMUNITY REGULATIONS. THE COMMISSION IS MEETING WITH IRISH OFFICIALS FEB. 18 IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE GOI TO WITHDRAW OR AMEND ITS MEASURE TO MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE. THERE IS TIME FOR COMPROMISE SINCE THE MEASURE IS NOT TO GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL MARCH 1.MORRIS

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